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## Intelligence Investigations End Though Gaps Remain

**NICHOLAS M. HORROCK** Approved For Release 2005/01/20 : 13—The Congressionally investigating committee of United States intelligence agencies ended this week, having many committee members and staff aides acknowledged that there was a lot they did not know.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The Senate Committee on Intelligence, which has completed public hearings, spokesman for both it and the House Select Committee on Intelligence, said there might be brief investigations to cover specific intelligence-gathering operations. With the effective completion of the public hearings, the investigation, the

On Jan. 31, it has not far enough and that the inquiry is degenerated from evidence its entire budget, and had degenerated from evidence some members have proposed for legislative proposals to as that the committee spend its one put it, "mere curiosity." White House and intelligence remaining money in further investigations of the F.B.I. and officials now believe that the investigation is over and that there is little Congressional support to continue it. This assessment of the mood on Jan. 31 and measure legis-  
lative action will be taken by the committee. You have

The Select Committee on Intelligence has completed public hearings, spokesman for both briefings. Officials said there might be additional sessions to cover specific documents. With the effective completion of the public hearings, the investigation will proceed.

Senate Committee sources say that the object had been to direct public attention to the problems of the intelligence operations. That goal has been reached, and one source said the reform proposals must "capitalise on this atmosphere." "If you wait too long," said Otis G. Pike, privately to a reporter, "the panel is less valuable."

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The Public and the members of Congress tend to forget what you're trying to reform," the Senator said. "nor did I get over next week whether to hold mail on the investigation," one of several brief public hearings Senator said, "nor did I get on new information it receives from the Central Intelligence Agency. The disclosures about the

Agency about intelligence estimates concerning the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks. Most members of the House and Senate Committees as well as sources in the Ford Administration, according to one source said.

**Extension Proposed**

The Senate committee will continue operations until the end of February. There appears to be no move to extend its life. The staff has been working

F.B.I.'s harassment of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. covered testimony before the Senate committee several weeks ago was their "high point of public interest," according to one member. The C.I.A. foreign ac-

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on the final report and legislative proposals for some time to oversee the intelligence community. This group would presumably receive the files and materials gathered by the two select committees. Political Plans Cited

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the process of investigating and who heads the Senate com  
of obtaining evidence from the have said that he

Government files had ended, and the committee invested Committee staff members who had inquired into the operations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National Security Agency, said that there were "gaps" in documents and files that gave them "the feeling," as one put it, that there were areas of abuse that had not been uncovered.

The House committee scheduled to end its investigation of intelligence agencies had

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and elsewhere in the SALT II agreements become easier to understand.

But is it a violation? Of the letter? Of the spirit? It's both. A violation of our letter and their spirit. And for an agreement that is 90 per cent spirit and 10 per cent letter, we are at least 90 per cent justified in being concerned. A fully informed President could not have said, without qualification, as did President Ford on June 25, that the Soviet Union has "not violated the SALT agreement, not used any loopholes." That statement is false and it matters little how the formal structure of committees committees, panels, working groups, consultations and briefings is organized, on paper or in fact, if the end result is a President so ill-informed on so important a matter.

The lesson is clear. Any SALT II agreement must be precise. The terms and limitations must be defined. The Soviets must agree to state what weapons they now have and how these and future weapons will be affected by the treaty. There must be no loopholes, no ambiguities; the back door must not again be left ajar. And we must take the time necessary to negotiate an agreement that sets down the letter as well as invoking the spirit of what it is we wish to achieve. We should not have to say again, as Dr. Kissinger said of our ill-fated definition of a heavy missile, that it was "issued by the delegation...the last day of the negotiations, just to finish up the piece of paper."